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[Translation]

Use of Hindi in Water Commission

2378. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the arrangements made for the implementation of Official Language Hindi in the Ministry and the Water Commission alongwith the name of the Officer-in-Charge of it and his qualifications?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : There are separate Hindi sections and separate Official Language Implementation Committees in the Ministry of Water Resources as well as in the Central Water Commission for implementation of the Official Language Act and Rules made thereunder. There is a Committee called Hindi Salahkar Samiti also in the Ministry of Water Resources.

The Implementation of Official Language Policy is monitored and reviewed through meetings, reports and inspections.

The officers in charge of it and their qualifications are as under :

1. Shri L.K. Joshi, Joint Secretary (Admn.), in Ministry of Water Resources. His qualifications are M.Sc (Physics) and M.A. (Modern History).

He comes from Hindi speaking State and Hindi is his mother-tongue.

2. Shri Zaffarul Hasan Member in the Central Water Commission. His qualifications are B.Sc. (Engineering), (Civil) with Honours. He has studied Hindi upto twelfth standard.

[English]

Remove the Gender Bias

2379. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a bid to remove the gender bias, Government has issued instructions to State Governments to include the mother's name in the application forms, examination form and the certificates; and

(b) if so, the procedure followed in case when mother is divorcee or the child has been adopted by other party?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India, Department of Education has issued instructions to the Central Board of Secondary Education to include the names of both the parents in forms and certificates, providing for exceptions in case of exigencies like parents living separately and a child living with one of the parents. The State Governments have also been requested to consider issuing similar instructions to the School Boards.

Pulse Polio Drops

2380. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some States have succeeded in administering pulse polio drops to children upto the age of five years;

(b) the names of the States where this programme has been completed;

(c) the number of children given oral polio vaccine during 1995-96;

(d) whether a massive health check up programme was taken up in all the Primary Schools during July, 1996; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). All States and UT's participated in the Pulse Polio Immunization campaign conducted on 9th December, 1995 and 20th January, 1996. 8.7 crore children were given polio drops on 9.12.95 and 9.3 crore on 20.1.96.

(d) and (e). Yes Sir. A Special School Health Check up Scheme for the students of Primary Classes has been implemented in 27 States and Union Territories from July, 22 to 27, 1996. Remaining States were covered from July-Oct., 1996.

Reports have till now been received from 441 districts. 75.9% schools were covered and 84.91 of the enrolled primary school children were examined for common ailments which included anaemia, worm infestations, night blindness, iodine deficiency disease (goitre), ear discharge, scabies pyoderma, vision defects and dental problems. Statements given State-wise coverage and break-up of number of children examined and found to be suffering from different ailments are attached as Statement-I and Statement-II